

# BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the extraordinary meeting of the Barling Magna Parish Council held on Friday 5 February 2016 held in St Mary's Church, Little Wakering Road, Little Wakering, Essex commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Present: - Councillors M Cohen (Vice Chair of Council), S Bond, R Gardiner, I Knight, M Pearmain, J Edmunds, M Steptoe (Chair of Council), L Street and A Ashdown (Acting Clerk).

## MINUTES

1. **The Chair to declare the meeting open.**
  - a. The Chair declared the meeting open.
2. **To receive apologies for absence**
  - a. Apologies were received from the Clerk, John Watson.
3. **To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and with section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**
  - a. Councillor Steptoe declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding Planning and Barling Magna Primary School.
4. **The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Barling Magna to address the Meeting.**
  - a. It was mentioned that Councillors Steptoe, Cohen and Ashdown attended the opening of the Barling Magna Primary School's Wildlife Area.
5. **To agree the process to be put in place to appoint a new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.**
  - a. An advert for the above vacancy has been placed on the Website. Proposed Councillor Steptoe, Seconded Councillor Edmunds that a panel should be set up consisting of Chair, Vice Chair and one other to organize interviews and then to put to full council. Unanimously carried. Councillor Street and Councillor Gardner put themselves forward for this panel. It was agreed by 8 votes to 1 that Councillor Gardner would complete the panel.

Should this process take too long offers of help have come from EALC and the Clerk of Great Wakering.

Councillors Pearmain and Knight suggested that preferably a Clerk

should be chosen from the village. Councillor Pearmain also put forward that perhaps G Gates could take on some of the duties to make the Clerk's job a bit lighter.

## **6. Planning**

- a. **Planning Application 16/00042/FUL** – Land to The Rear of 4 The Evergreens – This application had previously been rejected by Rochford District Council and had gone to Appeal. The application had been amended but it was noted that the application on RDC Website states 4 bedroom but application is for 3 bedroom houses. Councillor Gardner read out emails from Parishioner who stated the material objections are:  
Access  
Parking  
Cramped and densely over development – no fundamental difference from original application.  
DM4 and H6 may apply.
- b. **Planning Application 16/00057/DOC** – Vine Cottages, Barling Road – Document of Conformity – No comments on this application.
- c. There were no further applications to be considered.

## **7. At the Chairman's discretion to exchange information on matters relating to the Parish Council**

- a. Councillor Steptoe mentioned the New Gateway Crossing Consultation and recommended that all Councillors should view the website and make comments.
- b. There were some complaints regarding the RDC Planning site and how it is more complicated to find the Plans especially as RDC have ceased sending out the Plans in the post. Councillor Steptoe offered assistance if required.
- c. Councillor Steptoe tabled an article from the Evening Echo of the opening of Barling Magna Primary School's Wildlife area.
- d. Parish bye-laws covering the Wildlife Reserve and Playspaces to be included on the Agenda of the next Council Meeting.
- e. Councillor Street mentioned that the Environment Agency will be carrying out work on the sea walls in Spring/Summer and this work will take approximately 13 weeks.
- f. Minutes of the last meeting will be circulated prior to the next meeting (18 February 2016).
- g. There was an occasion that 15 lorries were seen in Mucking Hall Road. After investigation it was noted that the drivers had got lost and should have been on the Haul Road. Councillor Steptoe mentioned that if anyone sees these lorries again to contact him hopefully with

registration number and company names and he will follow this up.

**Meeting closed 8.54 pm**

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